

REMARKS

Claims 22-39 remain in the present application. Claims 1-21 are cancelled herein. Claims 22-39 are added herein. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added as a result of the claim additions. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the amendments and arguments set forth below.

Election Without Traverse Between Groups 1, 2 and 3

In the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007 for the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner stated that the present Application contains three groupings of Claims, each directed to a separate invention. As such, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single grouping of claims for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group 1, as recited in cancelled Claims 1-8, 14 and 15, for prosecution on the merits. As such, Claims 9-13 and 16-21, which are drawn to non-elected grouping, are cancelled herein. Additionally, new Claims 22-39, which are drawn to the invention of Group 1, are presented herein.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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